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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of August 3, 2006 twice rejecting claims 2-7, 15-18 and 21-23.

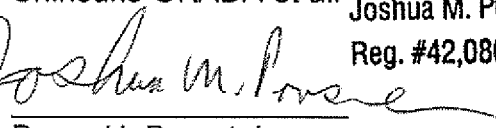
The following items are submitted herewith:

- A request for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for one month.
- A payment including the amount of \$620.00, of which \$120.00 is for the payment of the extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) and of which \$500.00 is for the payment of the appeal fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 41.20 (b)(1).

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If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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